

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b) WITHOUT FILING FEE OR EXECUTED INVENTOR'S DECLARATION

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This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled: MIXED-MEDIA DATA ENCODING without a filing fee and/or without an executed inventor's oath/declaration. This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers: An abstract together with pages of specification and claims including 34 45 numbered claims and also attached is/are 20 sheets of accompanying drawings. This application is based on the following prior foreign application(s): Application No. Country Filing Date respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application, and priority is hereby claimed therefrom. This application is based on the following prior provisional application(s): Application No. Filing Date respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application, and priority is hereby claimed therefrom. Certified copy/ies of foreign applications attached. This application is a  $\square$  continuation/ $\square$  division/ $\square$  continuation-in-part of application Serial No. Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: --This application is a  $\square$  continuation/ $\square$  division/ continuation-in-part of application Serial No. , filed , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application .--Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: --This is a continuation of PCT application No. , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: --This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. . filed , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application .--Preliminary amendment to claims (attached hereto), to be entered before calculation of the fee. Also attached: Information Disclosure Statement; Non-Publication Request; Other: Inventor: BOUDREAULT Canada Yves (citizenship) (first) MI (last) Boisbriand (state/country) Quebec, Canada Residence: (city) 749 Rue Curie, Boisbriand, Quebec, Canada Mailing Address: (Zip Code) J7G 1H8 **KRAUS** U.S. 2. Inventor: Daniel J. (first) MI (last) (citizenship) (state/country) Quebec, Canada Residence: (city) Montreal 450 East Sherbrooke Street, #1601, Montreal, Quebec, Canada Mailing Address: (Zip Code) H2L 1J8 See attached sheet(s) for additional inventor(s) information!! Address all future communications to NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C., 1100 North Glebe Road, 8th Floor, Arlington, Virginia 22201. 1100 North Glebe Road, 8th Floor **NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C.** Arlington, Virginia 22201-4714 By Atty: Larry S. Nixon, Reg. No. 25,640 Telephone: (703) 816-4000